



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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**2008 PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS**  
**Federal and State Elective Partisan Offices**  
**Supreme Court Justice**

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**Petition Filing Information: Republican and Democratic Candidates**

- Republican and Democratic candidates can file for the following federal and state elective offices: U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative in Congress and State Representative.
- Republican and Democratic candidates must file a *nominating petition* no later than 4:00 p.m., May 13, 2008. Republican and Democratic candidates who seek the office of State Representative may file a \$100.00 filing fee in lieu of a petition.
- Republican and Democratic candidates who submit a valid filing for office will be placed on Michigan's August 5, 2008 primary ballot.

**Petition Filing Information: Candidates Without Political Party Affiliation**

- Candidates without political party affiliation can file for the following federal and state elective offices: U.S. President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Representative, State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regent, Michigan State University Trustee, Wayne State University Governor and Supreme Court Justice.
- Candidates without political party affiliation who seek a partisan office or the office of Supreme Court Justice must file a *qualifying petition* no later than 4:00 p.m., July 17, 2008.
- All signatures submitted on a qualifying petition must have been collected within the preceding 180-day period; signatures which are dated more than 180 days prior to the date the petition is filed are invalid.
- Candidates without political party affiliation who submit a valid filing for office will be placed on Michigan's November 4, 2008 general election ballot.

**Affidavit of Identity Required of All Candidates**

All candidates (excluding U.S. Presidential candidates) must submit an Affidavit of Identity in duplicate when filing for office. Affidavit of Identity forms can be obtained from any county clerk or from the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing. Candidates who fail to comply with the requirement are ineligible to appear on the ballot.

Michigan election law requires any candidate filing an Affidavit of Identity to state on the form that at the date the affidavit was executed, all statements, reports, late filing fees and fines required of the candidate or any Candidate Committee organized to support the candidate's election under Michigan's Campaign Finance Act have been filed or paid. The campaign finance compliance statement is not required of U.S. Senate, U.S. House or precinct delegate candidates.

### **Post-Election Campaign Finance Compliance Statement**

Michigan election law requires any candidate elected to office on the state, county or local level to file an affidavit *prior to assuming office* which states that at the date the affidavit was executed all statements, reports, late filing fees and fines required of the candidate or any Candidate Committee organized to support the candidate's election under Michigan's Campaign Finance Act have been filed or paid. The affidavit is *not* required of an elected candidate who did not receive or expend more than \$1,000.00 during the election cycle. In addition, the form does not have to be filed by an individual elected to a federal office or a precinct delegate position.

A form developed for distribution to candidates who must comply with the filing requirement ("Post-Election Campaign Finance Compliance Statement") is available through any filing official. An elected candidate who is required to file the statement who fails to submit the form is guilty of a misdemeanor.

### **Signature Requirements; Filing Location**

The following lists the petition signature requirements for the offices to be filled in 2008.

#### **U.S. PRESIDENT**

All candidates who seek the office of U.S. President file with the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing.

REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	NO POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	
		MIN	MAX
Nominated at National Convention	Nominated at National Convention	30,000	60,000

A qualifying petition circulated for the office of U.S. President must be signed by at least 100 registered voters in each of at least ½ of the congressional districts in the state. A candidate without political party affiliation who files for the office of U.S. President is also required to submit the name of his or her running mate and the names and addresses of his or her

presidential electors. For complete information, contact the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections.

### U.S. SENATOR

All candidates who seek the office of U.S. Senator file with the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing.

REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRAT		NO POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	
MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
15,000	30,000	15,000	30,000	30,000	60,000

A petition submitted for the office of U.S. Senator must be signed by at least 100 registered electors in each of at least ½ of the congressional districts in the state.

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY GOVERNOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

All candidates who seek the following offices file with the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing: State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regent, Michigan State University Trustee, Wayne State University Governor, Supreme Court Justice.

REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	NO POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	
		MIN	MAX
Nominated at State Convention	Nominated at State Convention	30,000	60,000

A petition for one of the above offices must be signed by at least 100 registered electors in each of at least ½ of the congressional districts in the state.

## U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

**Multi-County Districts:** A candidate who seeks the office of U.S. Representative in Congress in a multi-county district files with the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing. The multi-county U.S. House Districts are listed below:

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      10      11      12      15

**Single-County Districts:** A candidate who seeks the office of U.S. Representative in Congress in District 9 files with the Oakland County Clerk's office; a candidate who seeks the office of U.S. Representative in Congress in District 13 or 14 files with the Wayne County Clerk's office.

REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRAT		NO POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	
MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	3,000	6,000

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Multi-County Districts:** A candidate who seeks the office of State Representative in a multi-county district files with the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing. The multi-county State House Districts are listed below:

32    55    58    59    63    65    66    70    74    78    80  
83    84    85    87    91    93    97    98    99    100    101  
102    103    104    105    106    107    108    109    110

**Single-County Districts:** A candidate who seeks the office of State Representative in a district not listed above (single-county districts) files with the local county clerk.

REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRAT		NO POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	
MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
200	400	200	400	600	1,200

Republican and Democratic candidates who seek the office of State Representative may file a \$100.00 filing fee in lieu of a petition.